## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~Water~~ A water soluble iron carbohydrate complex having a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 80,000 to 400,000, ~~obtainable from~~ comprising the reaction product of:

(a) an aqueous solution of an iron (III) salt and

(b) an aqueous solution of the oxidation product of

(i) at least one ~~or more maltrodextrins~~ maltodextrin ~~using~~ and

(ii) an aqueous hypochlorite solution at ~~a pH-value within the alkaline range where,~~ an alkaline pH, wherein,

~~when~~ the at least one maltodextrin ~~is applied, its~~ has a dextrose equivalent ~~lies~~ of between 5 and 20, ~~and when a mixture of several maltodextrins is applied, the dextrose equivalent of the mixture lies between 5 and 20~~ and wherein,

the dextrose equivalent of each individual maltodextrin ~~contained in the mixture lies~~ is between 2 and 40.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A process for producing ~~an~~ the iron carbohydrate complex ~~according to~~ of claim 1, ~~wherein one or more maltrodextrins are oxidized~~ comprising:

(a) oxidizing at least one maltodextrin in an aqueous solution at an alkaline ~~pH-value using~~ pH with

(b) an aqueous hypochlorite solution ~~and the obtained~~ to form an oxidized maltodextrin solution, and

(c) contacting the oxidized maltodextrin solution ~~is reacted~~ with an aqueous solution of an iron (III) salt, ~~where~~ wherein,

~~when~~ the at least one maltodextrin ~~is applied, its~~ has a dextrose equivalent ~~lies~~ of between 5 and 20, ~~and when a mixture of several maltodextrins is applied, the dextrose equivalent of the mixture lies between 5 and 20~~ and wherein,

the dextrose equivalent of each individual maltodextrin ~~contained in the mixture lies~~ is

between 2 and 40.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 2, wherein the oxidation of the at least one maltodextrin ~~or the maltodextrins~~ is carried out in the presence of bromide ions.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 2, wherein the iron (III) chloride is used as the iron (III) salt.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 2, wherein (c) contacting the aqueous solution of oxidized ~~maltrodextrin~~ maltodextrin and the aqueous solution of the iron (III) salt ~~are mixed to form an aqueous solution having a pH value so low that no hydrolysis of the iron (III) salt occurs,~~ is carried out at a pH of 2 or less to form a final solution, the process further comprising ~~whereafter~~ (d) raising the pH of the ~~is raised~~ final solution to 5 to 12 by the addition of a base.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 3, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of from 15 °C ~~up~~ to the boiling point for 15 minutes up to several hours.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A medicament ~~containing~~ comprising an aqueous solution of ~~an~~ the iron carbohydrate complex ~~according to~~ of claim 1.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The medicament ~~according to~~ of claim 7, wherein the medicament is formulated for parenteral or oral application.

Claims 9-11 canceled

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 3, wherein ~~the~~ iron (III) chloride is used as the iron (III) salt.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 3, wherein (c) contacting

the aqueous solution of oxidized ~~maltrodextrin~~ maltodextrin and the aqueous solution of the iron (III) salt ~~are mixed to form an aqueous solution having a pH-value so low that no hydrolysis of the iron (III) salt occurs,~~ is carried out at a pH of 2 or less to form a final solution, the process further comprising ~~whereafter~~ (d) raising the pH of the ~~is raised~~ final solution to 5 to 12 by the addition of a base.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 4, wherein (c) contacting the aqueous solution of oxidized ~~maltrodextrin~~ maltodextrin and the aqueous solution of the iron (III) salt ~~are mixed to form an aqueous solution having a pH-value so low that no hydrolysis of the iron (III) salt occurs,~~ is carried out at a pH of 2 or less to form a final solution, the process further comprising ~~whereafter~~ (d) raising the pH of the ~~is raised~~ final solution to 5 to 12 by the addition of a base.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 12, wherein (c) contacting the aqueous solution of oxidized ~~maltrodextrin~~ maltodextrin and the aqueous solution of the iron (III) chloride ~~salt are mixed to form an aqueous solution having a pH-value so low that no hydrolysis of the iron (III) salt occurs,~~ is carried out at a pH of 2 or less to form a final solution, the process further comprising ~~whereafter~~ (d) raising the pH of the ~~is raised~~ final solution to 5 to 12 by the addition of a base.

Claim 16 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 4, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of from 15 °C ~~up~~ to the boiling point for 15 minutes up to several hours.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 5, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of from 15 °C ~~up~~ to the boiling point for 15 minutes up to several hours.

Claim 18 (new): The process of claim 1, wherein the iron carbohydrate complex has a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 80,000 to 350,000.

Claim 19 (new): The process of claim 1, wherein the iron carbohydrate complex has a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 80,000 to 300,000.

Claim 20 (new): The process of claim 2, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of 40 °C to 60 °C.

Claim 21 (new): The process of claim 2, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of 50 °C to the solution boiling point.